

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWS AND NOTES** from the State Historic  
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**Give the Gift of Recognition This Season: Award Nominations**

Do you know of projects, organizations or individuals deserving of recognition for contributions to historic preservation? Two statewide awards programs are currently seeking nominations.

**“Preserving Our Places in History Awards”**

The SC African American Heritage Commission is seeking nominations for its “Preserving Our Places in History Awards.” The awards recognize achievement in four categories:

- **Individual Award:** This award recognizes a person who has demonstrated or made an outstanding accomplishment in preserving and interpreting African American history and culture in South Carolina during the past year.
- **Group or Organization Award:** This award recognizes a group or organization that has demonstrated or made an outstanding accomplishment in preserving and interpreting African American history and culture in South Carolina during the past year.
- **Project Award:** This award recognizes a project that has significantly and dramatically influenced in a permanent way the preservation and interpretation of African American history and culture in South Carolina during the past year.
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:** This award recognizes a person, group or organization that has made a notable, successful, sustained and lasting contribution to the preservation of African American history and culture in South Carolina.

The deadline is December 23, 2011. Recipients will be notified by January 20, 2012 and the awards will be presented the Commission's annual meeting on January 27, 2012 at the SC Archives and History Center in Columbia. To learn more about the awards please go to <http://shpo.sc.gov/res/Pages/SCAAHC.aspx> or contact Michael Allen at (843) 883-3123 ext 36 [Michael.Allen@nps.gov](mailto:Michael.Allen@nps.gov)

### 2012 South Carolina Historic Preservation Awards

Nominations are also being accepted for the 2012 South Carolina Historic Preservation Awards. This year there are **two new award categories, Stewardship Awards and Preservation Service Awards**, for a total of six categories. The awards are sponsored by the Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation, the Office of the Governor, and the SC Department of Archives and History.

- **Honor Awards** celebrate successful and exemplary historic preservation projects around the Palmetto State.
- **Stewardship Awards** recognize those who have ensured the ongoing preservation of historic buildings, structures or sites through long-term care, planning, management, protection, or continuous ownership.
- **Preservation Service Awards** recognize projects and activities that make exemplary contributions to the advancement of historic preservation. Eligible projects can include research, publications, education, advocacy, public policy initiatives, promotional activities, events, and funding programs.
- **Heritage Tourism Award** recognizes those who best use South Carolina's cultural and historic resources in the promotion and development of tourism or use tourism to directly benefit the preservation of our heritage.
- The **Elected Official Honor Award** may be presented each year to an individual elected official in recognition of significant achievements or landmark efforts in the support of historic preservation in South Carolina.
- The **Governor's Award** may be presented each year in recognition of an individual's significant achievements or landmark efforts in the support of historic preservation in South Carolina.

The full announcement and nomination form and directions are available at [http://www.palmettotrust.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=299&Itemid=106](http://www.palmettotrust.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=299&Itemid=106). For more information contact Michael Bedenbaugh at 803-896-6234, [oldhouse@palmettotrust.org](mailto:oldhouse@palmettotrust.org). **Nominations must be postmarked by February 1, 2012.**

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### New SHPO, Agency Websites Available

The South Carolina Department of Archives and History has just launched its new websites, including the State Historic Preservation Office. Please check out the new look. The main SHPO page address is still <http://shpo.sc.gov>. However addresses to pages within the SHPO site have changed. Please let us know if you have difficulty locating particular information.

The agency's main web page address is <http://scdah.sc.gov>.

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### **Preservation Books Sale – Just in Time for the Holidays**

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is offering significant discounts on many of its titles in the Preservation Books series through December 31, 2011. Included are many publications from the National Main Street Center. Check it out at <http://www.preservationbooks.org/>.

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### **Weatherization Guide for Older and Historic Buildings**

Check out the online guide prepared by the National Trust for Historic Preservation <http://www.preservationnation.org/issues/weatherization/>.

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### **Research Corner: Online Newspapers**

Researchers have long used older newspapers to research and document historic buildings. With the advent of digitization projects, some newspapers are now online, allowing you to bypass dizzying rolls of microfilm.

The SC Digital Newspaper Program digitizes historical newspapers from the state and facilitates free access to the digital versions. It is a project of the USC Libraries with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Currently 19 newspapers have been digitized with four more in process. The newspapers are available on the Chronicling America website jointly sponsored by the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>. For more information about the project see <http://library.sc.edu/digital/newspaper/>.

The Richland County Public Library has the SC Historical Newspapers collection of early SC newspapers spanning the years from 1783 to 1848 and the State Newspaper covering the years 1891-1922. Newspapers from Charleston, Camden, Georgetown, Pendleton, and Edgefield are included. The full text of the collections is searchable, allowing you to find people and events within articles. <http://www.myrcl.com/research-tools/south-carolina-historical-newspapers-collection>. RCPL also links to NewsBank America's News that provides online access to many current South Carolina newspapers.

Google News Archive also provides searchable access to hundreds of newspapers from across the country and around the world <http://news.google.com/newspapers>. Included are some South Carolina newspapers such as the Newberry Observer from 1889 to 2004, and issues of the Herald-Journal (Spartanburg) ranging from 1827 to 2008.

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## America's Great Outdoors Report Released

The full report of the America's Great Outdoors initiative was recently released <http://www.slideshare.net/USInterior/americas-great-outdoors-fiftystate-report>. The report identifies projects in each of the 50 states and proposes potential conservation action and local and state partnerships for enactment. While focused on natural resources and outdoor recreation, some projects included historic places and buildings. South Carolina's projects are the Longleaf Pine Focal Area and the Three Rivers Greenway in the Columbia area.

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## Conferences/Workshops/Events

**NEW SC African American Heritage Commission Annual Meeting and Awards**, January 27, 2012, Columbia. For more information contact Jannie Harriot at [professionaljmh@aol.com](mailto:professionaljmh@aol.com).

**2012 Governor's Conference on Tourism and Travel**, February, 20 - 22, 2012, Greenville. Visit [www.SCGovCon.com](http://www.SCGovCon.com) for updates on speakers, agenda and other conference events.

**NEW SC Historical Association Annual Meeting**, March 3, 2012, Columbia. For more information see <http://www.palmettohistory.org/scha/scha.htm>.

**Landscape Preservation: An Introduction**, March 20 - 21, 2012, Atlanta, GA. Participants in this National Preservation Institute seminar will learn about the basics of cultural landscapes including designed, vernacular, ethnographic and historic sites. Topics include relevant laws and regulations, how to document and evaluate, and case studies in preservation. For more information go to [www.npi.org](http://www.npi.org).

**2012 Statewide Historic Preservation Conference**, March 29 - 30, 2012 Columbia. Information will be posted online <http://shpo.sc.gov/events/Pages/presconf.aspx> about conference sessions in January. To sign up for registration information contact Jennifer Satterthwaite at 803-896-6171, [jsatt@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:jsatt@scdah.state.sc.us).

**National Rosenwald Schools Conference**, June 14 – 16, 2012, Tuskegee, AL. The National Trust for Historic Preservation along with state and local partners is organizing the National Rosenwald Schools Conference: 100 Years of Pride, Progress, and Preservation to be held at Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama. More information can be found at [www.preservationnation.org/rosenwald](http://www.preservationnation.org/rosenwald).

**NEW 6<sup>th</sup> Annual National Underground Railroad Conference**, June 20 – 23, 2012, St. Augustine, FL. For more Information about the Network to Freedom Program and Underground Railroad conferences, see <http://www.nps.gov/subjects/ugrr/community/annual-conference.html> or contact Turkiya

L. Lowe, Ph.D., at [turkiya\\_lowe@nps.gov](mailto:turkiya_lowe@nps.gov), 404-507-5830. Proposals for conference sessions are being accepted until January 15, 2012.

**National Alliance of Preservation Commission's Forum**, July 19 – 22, 2012 in Norfolk, VA. See <http://www.uga.edu/napc/programs/napc/forum.htm>.

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## **Grant Application Deadlines**

**January 2, 2012 American Battlefield Protection Grants:** The American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) of the National Park Service invites non-profit groups, academic institutions, and local, regional, state, and tribal governments, and other private sector organizations to submit applications for grants. The purpose of the grant program is to provide seed money for projects that lead directly to the identification, preservation, and interpretation of battlefield land and/or historic sites associated with a battle. In the past, project funding has ranged from \$5,000 to \$80,000. The ABPP encourages potential applicants to contact the ABPP staff and discuss proposed projects before preparing an application. Contact the Grants Manager by email at [kristen\\_mcmasters@nps.gov](mailto:kristen_mcmasters@nps.gov), (202) 354-2037. See <http://www.nps.gov/hps/abpp/grants/battlefieldgrants/2012grants.htm> for additional information.

**NEW January 4, 2012 Humanities Council SC Major Grants:** For more information about types of projects and the application process go to <http://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply>.

Using a major grant awarded in February 2011, Historic Columbia Foundation created an online "virtual tour" of several key rooms in the historic Woodrow Wilson Family Home, which is currently closed to tours. See <http://www.woodrowwilsonfamilyhome.com/>.

**February 1, 2012 Preservation Services Fund Grants:** Administered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, these grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations and public agencies for preservation planning and education efforts. Grant awards range from \$500 to \$5,000. For more information, contact the Southern Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation at 843-722-8552 or [soro@nthp.org](mailto:soro@nthp.org) and the National Trust website at <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/>.

**February 3, 2012 Federal Historic Preservation Grants:** Administered by the SHPO, these grants can assist two types of projects: (1) Survey and Planning Projects—eligible projects include surveys of historic properties, National Register nominations, preservation education, and preservation planning; (2) Stabilization Projects—eligible projects include stabilizing historic buildings or protecting historic buildings from the adverse effects of the weather. Any local government, non-profit, or institution in South Carolina may apply for a Federal Historic Preservation Grant. At least ten percent of the state's annual grant from the National Park Service must be awarded to Certified

Local Governments (CLG)s. As funding is available after the required CLG minimum is met, then non-CLG projects may also be selected for funding. Grant awards generally range from \$1,500 to \$25,000. The 2012 application is online at <http://shpo.sc.gov/programs/Pages/Grants.aspx>

### For More Grants Information

- <http://shpo.sc.gov/programs/Documents/hpfinancialincent.pdf>
- [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)
- <http://www.preservationdirectory.com/PreservationGeneralResources/GrantsFundingSources.aspx>
- [www.npguides.org](http://www.npguides.org)

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